

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiners for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Jason Vick, during the February 15, 2007, Telephone Interview. During the Interview, the invention was discussed and compared with the claim terminology. In particular, Independent Claims were discussed in detail and contrasted with the cited references. The Examiners also gratefully provided suggestions regarding the claimed features.

Without concession as to the propriety of the outstanding rejections, Independent Claims 1, 14 and 20 have been amended to recite more specific features of the invention

As discussed during the Telephone Interview, the relied upon references at least fail to teach or suggest the claimed combination of features.

At least based on the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are patentably distinguishable from the cited references. With all rejections having been overcome, a Notice of Allowance is thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-1970 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such petition for extension is hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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